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SUBJECT: CHILE'S POSITION ON KHMER UN CREDENTIALS ISSUE

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B. SANTIAGO 5322

C. PARIS 27650

D. USUN 3988 (NOTAL)

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1. THE DEPARTMENT AND AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO WILL APPRECIATE THAT WE VENTURE THE FOLLOWING QUERY WITHOUT, OF COURSE, AN APPROPRIATE UNDERSTANDING OF RECENT DEVELOPMENT SIN CHILE, THE THINKING WHICH UNDERLIES ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND OF OUR APPROACH TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN SANTIAGO. WE ARE, HOWEVER, PUZZLED BY THE CHILEAN JUNTA'S APPARENT RECOGNITION OF GRUNK DESCRIBED IN REF A AND REITERATED IN REF B.

2. GIVEN THE SEVERE CRITICISM WHICH HAS BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THE CHILEAN JUNTA IN THE UN, AT THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, AT THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS AND IN OTHER QUARTERS, WE WONDER WHAT BENEFITS THE JUNTA MAY FEEL IT HAS TO GAIN BY RECOGNIZING A GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE WHICH, IN MOST IMPORTANT RESPECTS, ASSOCIATES ITSELF WITH AND SUPPORTS THE GOALS OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE MOST CRITICAL OF THE JUNTA, ITSELF.

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3. ON THE CONTRARY, WE WOULD THINK THE JUNTA WOULD CONSIDER THAT IT HAD MORE TO GAIN BY RECOGNIZING THE GKR, A GOVERNMENT WHICH RECEIVED THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE US AND MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN THE RECENT UNGA VOTE

ON THE KHMER CREDENTIALS QUESTION--COUNTRIES WHICH, IN TURN, HAVE NOT CHALLENGED THE JUNTA'S OWN CREDENTIALS IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES. QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE US, THE GKR AND 12 LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SUPPORTED THE RIGHT OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO KEEP ITS MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO DURING RECENT CHILEAN CREDENTIALS VOTE AT PARIS (REF C).

4. THE JUNTA MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER THE FACT THAT, BY RECOGNIZING THE GRUNK GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE, IT IS AFFIRMING A PRECEDENT, APPLICATION OF WHICH COULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST ITSELF AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE.

5. WE WONDER IF THIS IS NOT THE TIME, DRAWING UPON GUIDANCE SUCH AS ARE CONTAINED IN PARA 7 REF D AND PARA 2 REF E WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO, TO URGE THE JUNTA TO RE-EXAMINE ITS POLICY ON A MATTER WHICH IS OF STRONG INTEREST TO THE US, AND SUPPORT THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN THE KHMER CREDENTIALS VOTE IN UNGA.  
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